

Greetings Colleagues and Friends,

I am currently serving as Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at University of the Pacific. It is the only United Methodist affiliated university in our annual conference. It has been an honor to come on staff and serve along with my colleagues, who work to provide the best environment for our students.

The Religious and Spiritual Life Department has twelve, student led, interfaith religious organizations that are recognized by the university. Our office supports, advocates for and empowers our student leaders and groups. While I am primarily focused on our undergraduate students, I work with communities on both our Sacramento and San Francisco campuses as well.

As students develop in a time that is considered mid/post pandemic, I am responsible for helping members of the campus community:

- Receive the religious, secular, and spiritual support they seek
- Acquire skills knowledge to address issues of values, ethics, and morality
- Help folks examine the interaction among faith, intellectual inquiry, and social responsibility as bases for finding and affirming meaning and satisfaction in life.
- Participate in dialogue with others in expression of their worldviews.

I am thankful to serve as an Elder in full connection in the California Nevada Annual Conference. I look forward to continuing to serve in my current role to see how I can be of service to this annual conference in any way God is calling.

Blessings,

Reverend Kim Montenegro